NEVVES FROM GVLICK and CLEVE.

A TRVE AND

faithfull Relation of the late affaires *in the Countries of* Gulicke, Cleue *and Bergh*, and what townes haue certainely *been taken* as well *by Marquesse* SPINOLA, as by Graue MAVRICE, and how it *stands with them in those parts at* this present.

Seruing also to confute the false rela*tion lately published in English.*

TOGETHER,

With Count HENRIE of NASSAV his *very late expeditions in the Country of Marck, &c.*

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The translator to the Reader.

Courteous Reader, thus haue you seene in the premises a faithful report of the trueth, & nothing but the truth, translated out of a Dutch coppie printed at Amsterdam by Nicholas van Gelkerken, *a few daies sithence, together with a bewtifull mappe or platforme of all those countries before named, the*

Townes, Marches, Armies and Camps, even as at this present they remaine: which for your better satisfaction, you may see in the hands of the printer heereof, if you repaire vnto him: And so fare you well. 29. October 1614.

FINIS.

A TRVE DECLARATION of the great enterprise of *both the Armies vnder the conduct* of the Marquesse SPINOLA on the *one part, and his princely Excellency Count* MAVRICE of *Nassau* on the other *party, together with the names of the places by each of them seuerally taken, and where the Campes are at this present lying. &c.*

GEntle Reader before we come to relate the preparation of defence taken in hand by the noble Lords, the Estates, vnder the conduct of his princely Excellency. We will first begin to speake of the

Army conducted by the Marquis *Spinola*, whereof some three months past a great rumor went, aswell by taking vp of new forces, withdrawing of his olde Souldiers, as also his marches, sieges, and taking in of the towns & places, lying in the countrie of *Gulicke*, *Cleue* and *Berch*.

In the moneth of August, the Marquis hauing gathered an Army together marched from *Brabant* to the towne of *Tongeren*, and so to *Mastricke*, where he increased his Armie, and here came his forces from all places marching. It was reported his campe was then twentie thousand strong aswell horse as foot. From thence he went with his whole Army the twentieth of August, marching through the Country of *Valkenburch*, towards the town of *Acon* or *Aken*; before which he came the two and twentieth of August, deuiding his Campe in three quarters, the one at *Bortset*, the other at the Townes place of Execution, and the third at Saint

Sauiours Hill, making presentlie his batteries close vnder the Towne, charging also euery Souldier to bring fiue fagots to assault the Towne fiercelie and with all speed, seeming to be somwhat incensed against this Towne.

The Romish Catholikes within, seeing they were so fiercelie assaulted, fled altogether with their goods into the Cloisters. And those of the reformed Protestants Religion, seeing the same, were not a little amased, and thereupon thought it fitte to conferre with him; whereunto the Marquisse *Spinola* seemed to bee vnwilling; notwithstanding at the entreaty and request of *Graue Henry vanden Berghe*, the Prior of the Cloister of *Acon*, with the Abbesse of *Borsset*, who at three seuerall times humbly entreated for the Citizens or Burgats, he condiscended to a Parlee, and concluded vpon the foure and twentieth of August, and the

keyes were deliuered into his handes, placing for Gouernour of the Towne the Earle of *Ritbergen*, brother vnto the Earle of *Embden*; permitting the Souldiers, who on the behalfe of the *Brandenburger* lay within the town, to march forth with their full Armes, flying Enlignes, burning matches, &c. Placing for the Garrison of the Towne fifteen hundreth new entertained *Lutzenburger* Souldiers, and so marched forward with his whole Armie towards *Dueren*. The which those of the town vnderstanding and perceiuing that he would assault them, durst not stay his comming, but resolued to meet him, and deliuered him the keyes at his first approach, and so yeelded themselues without compulsion or any shot of Canon. The Marquis placing his Souldiers therin, and so instantlie set forward towards *Berchem*: Where he sent part of his Souldiers towards *Collen*, to the

end with the aide of the Burgers of *Colen* to spoile and deface the Town of *Mulhem*, the which with great rage of the Burgars of *Collen*, and the Soldiers of the Marquis *Spinola* was begun, and after that they had beaten downe the walles, they instantlie beganne to fall vpon the new houses, but by the commandement of the Newburger, vpon paine of death it was left vndone, so as the Protestant inhabitants remaine as yet reasonable peaceable in their seuerall houses. A garrison onelie there remaining. Then hee marched forward in good order with the whole Campe through the countrie of *Gulicke* towards *Rynbercke*, where when he came, hee made a Bridge ouer the *Ryne*, where the whole Armie of the Marquis marched ouer, joining themselues to the forces of *Lingen* and *Oldenseel*, who had long expected his comming thither, marching all toge-

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ther towards *Wesel*. And by the way with thole of *Gelder* and *Berck*, he went towvards *Orsoy*, as hereafter followveth. There first entred in fiue or fixe horſemen of *Bercke* earely in the morning when the Milke maides went out, and for that there was but ſlender watch held, they kept the gates, and the other being preſentlie at hand, marched without making any ſhot, hauing by them two peeces of Ordinance, and about ſixe hundred men ſtrong.

Then the Marqueſſe marched towardes *Wesel*, and betweene the riuer of *Lip* and *Wesell* lyeth ſtrongly entrenched towards the field ſide of *Lip*, neare the towne.

And then a great part of the Campe in all haſte attempted to ſhoote vpon the towne, and by force to compell the ſame, euen as with all ſpeed they did,

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causing such a feare in short time in the City, that the Burgars who being courragious, with that hast were astonished, & being altogether discouraged, found it conuenient to agree with the Marquesse, which happened on the fifth of September, condicioning libertie of religion, and reseruing their old priuiledges, but the Towne should be kept with the Garrison of the Marquesse *Spinola*. The Ordnance and Munition of the *Brandeburger* beeing in the Towne, some daies after was sent downe the *Ryne*, towards the towne of *Rees*, after long conference and deliberation thereabout held, betweene the Marquesse, and the Duke of *Newburgh*.

And in the Marsh before *Wesell*, the Marquesse *Spinola* hath made a strong Sconce to compell the towne, and to hinder the passages of shippes by the *Rhyne*.

As also three halfe moones the Marquesse hath caused to bee made before the three gates of the towne, placing his Centinells or the outward watches toward the Campe of his Excellency of *Nassau*.

Now shortly after that the Marques had gotten *Wesell*, hee purposed to haue made himselfe Master of *Rees*, to the which end hee had already sent forces, but his excellency was come there about an houre before, who in good time enuironed the towne and tooke it in.

Also it happened that the Marquesse had gotten Santen an houre before that his Excellency with his forces came there.

And euen so it remaines at this instant with the Marquesse *Spinola* and his whole army.

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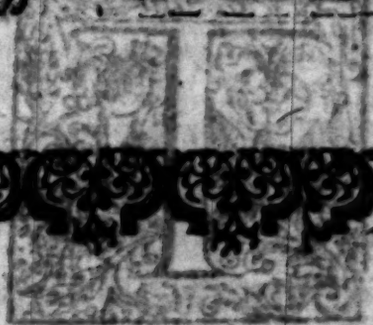
Now therefore come wee to speake of his Excellency of *Nassau* and his army as followeth.



THE DESCRIPTION of the Armie of his euer-renowmed Excellencie.

THE noble Lords the Estates with his princely Excellency their Generall, vnderstanding of the great preparation of the Marquesse *Spinola*, also hauing knowledge of the taking in of Acon, Duren, and other places, that hee also purposed to come downe neere towards Wesel, (the Marquesse of Brandeburgh craving by Embassage their assistance) they resolued

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to goe against him, and leauied soulditers out of all quarters, & first sent them vp toward *Grauenweert*, *Elten*, and therabouts, his Princely Excellency himselfe in person with all speede from the Haghe, (accompanied with the noble Earles, Graue *William*, Graue *Iohn*, Graue *Earnest*, of the house of Nassau; and the Prince of Portugall,) trauelling by day and night came thither. First and formost making himselfe sure, and tooke in the towne of *Emericke* with the forces hee had with him, presently marching from thence towards *Rees*, which he also in good time, as is aforesaide, had gotten before the Marquesse came: yea and had not his Excellency staid the longer at the Haghe, vpon the comming of his Maiesty of Great Britaine, and the French Kings Embassadors, vpon a treaty of peace, the Marquesse certainely might haue cast his cap after Wesell.

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Rees in very good order, vnto whom dayly more men come, with horsemen round about.

His Excellency also caused an other Bridge to bee made ouer the *Rhyne* before *Rees*, with the halfe Moone, where a great number of ships lie, yea so many, that it is a great pleasure to see, and dayly yet more come out of *Holland*. Here are already many men marched ouer the bridge on the side of *Santen*, and *Marien-borne*, which his Excellency also hath gotten: and here men thinke it will come to blowes.

And which is not to bee forgotten, neere vnto *Rees*, his Excellency hath a goodly troupe of horsemen which lie for a watch.

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THE DESCRIPTION

of the March of Count HENRIE of *Nassau*, to and in the *countries of Marck, as he departed* out of the Campe of his Excellency his *brother, likewise the description of that* which happened vntill this present *day, also is hereunto added what the Souldiers of the town of* Gulicke of late haue effected and what towns they haue taken.

AFter that his Princelie Excellencie, had lain a certaine time betweene the Towne of *Emerick* and *Rees*: & had taken those Townes before

named, also the places and Townes which his Excellencie caused by the Gouernour of *Nimmegen*, to bee taken, and garrisons therein to bee put, his campe in the meane time grew stronger both with horse and foote, which came from all quarters.

And hauing this strong Armie of men together, a generall Muster was made, which the Marquis *Spinola* hearing, thought they would come vpon him; and caused instantlie a battery to be made on the way of *Rees*: he had a day before also, sent out som troopes higher vp into the country with certain Wagons who spoiled and robbed the poore countrimen of all that they had, to the ende our Souldiers comming thether should find nothing: but what blessing hee got thereby of the poore Countrymen, I leaue euery one to iudge.

The Marquis ſtrengthning himſelfe before *Weſell*, and not comming into the field out of his trenches, yet his Excellency did vndertake ſome thing, and ſent his brother Count *Henry* of *Naſſau* accõpanied with a good troope of horſe and foote, and ſome wagons with Ordinance, munition and victuals to the countries of *Marck* & *Rauenſbergh*, &c. to take in *Marck*, *Ham*, *Vnna*, *Soeſt*, *Camen*, *Dortmondt*, with others: whereof this Count *Henry* hath already taken manie, and put Garriſons therein.

They report alſo that Count *Henry* had ſent ſome Souldiers towards *Borkelo*, lying (between *Groll* and *Lochum*) to take it in, and to put a Garriſon therein, for certaine reaſons between the Earle of *Stierum*, and thoſe of the towne of *Munſter*.

Neither haue thoſe of *Gulick* beene

idle, but as valiant souldiers haue also attempted some thing, and the newes are currant that they haue taken in these places following, namely, *Linnich*, *Wassenberch*, *Rangelrayd*, *Geilkercken*, *Gangelt*, *Sittert*, *&c.*

The Marquis seeing the course of his victory in taking of the Towne of *Wesel*, stayed for that his Princely *Excellencie* came into field, and lay so close vnder his wings, found it fit for the first to make strong and to intrench himselfe, endeauouring to make a strong Fort neare to the *Rhine* before *Wesell*, whereunto his Souldiers haue as greate desire as a thiefe hath to bee hanged and doe plainely say this, *we make for our enemy, as we e made the Skonce of Saint Andrew.*

Also they say, that the Marquis (because hee will not make the Bur-

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gers of *Wesell* altogether his bitter enemies) hath consented that the Souldiers lying in the houses shall buye and prouide their owne victuals: for the which those of the towne must euerie weeke disburse two thousand Gilders, euery one according to his ability.

Moreouer, there is newes come out of the Campe of the Marquis *Spinola*, that the Regiment of the Colonell *Palant*, being strong; about twelue companies with three peeces of Ordnance, is marched towards *Venlo* and *Gelder*; and it is thought they goe to take the other remaining small townes, namely *Bruglie*, *Dalken*, *Dalen* and *Glabbeeck*. In fine, euery one hath a snatch at that he can gette, but the poore countriman must looke to himselfe, therefore the olde Prouerbe is true, *euery one for himselfe*.

It is reported also that his excellency

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will attempt ſome other matter of no ſmall moment, but where and what, the time will ſhew. There is preparation in hand to make a ſtronger bridge of ſhippes for the paſſage of wagons ouer the Ryne: and according to that preparation: It is alſo thought hee will march higher vp the Ryne then *Rees*.

Aliquid latet quod non patet.

The Clergy haue procured and effected ſo much this yeare, for to aide his Holineſſe louing *new-borne* ſonne the Duke of *Newburgh* that a multitude of men are already come to the field vnder the conduct of the Marquis *Spinola*, who haue already vtterly vndone many thouſand poore men. But what confuſion of ſeuerall nations of people, hee to aid the *Newburger* bringeth into the country he himſelfe doubtleſſe will find in time. If he had had ſuch a proſperous

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ceſſe as he had in the beginning, he had gone more forward in his deſignes, and alſo the Arch-Duke ſhould haue gained more by his twelue years truce, then by a long continuall warre, and hee had had fit time in theſe fiue yeares to haue made conqueſt of theſe countries, beeing friends to the vnited Prouinces: and then to come vpon vs.

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